Loss of crores of rupees due to bad roads

1613. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that driving on bad roads is the single biggest reason for the loss of crores of rupees each day because of higher cost of vehicle maintenance and fuel consumption;

(b) whether majority of the roads in the Capital city are bad; and

(c) the steps taken to improve the condition of bad roads?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) While it is true that driving on bad roads can result in higher fuel consumption and maintenance cost, there has been no specific study on this.

(b) and (c) It has been reported by various agencies e.g. MCD, NDMC and PWD etc., that the roads in Delhi are in reasonably good condition, strengthening and repairing of roads is generally carried out on a regular basis and modern techniques of polymer modified bitumen or micro surfacing are also being used where necessary.

Filling up of vacant posts of LDC in DDA

1614. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:
SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to refer to Unstarred Questions 1741 and 2526 given in the Rajya Sabha on 12th March, 2001 and 19th March, 2001 respectively and state:

(a) the number of posts of LDC lying vacant in DDA as on date;

(b) whether appointments of LDCs have since been made in